



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Representing the interests of the communities of Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge

Minutes of the Meeting

11th March 2020 at 7pm, The Council Chamber, Langstone House, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor John Saunders (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor Ms Sandra Lilley, Cllrs Mr Adrian Legge, Mrs Jenny Borer, Mr Peter Cook, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs Kate Tripp, Mr Leith Hallatsch, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Ian Telford, Mike Stafford, Mrs Christine Cook, Marina Davis and Catherine Musetti, Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) SLDC/CCC Councillors: Kevin Holmes, Andrew Jarvis, Jim Bland. There were no members of the public in attendance. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
159.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllrs Lisa Greasley, Mr Peter Hamilton, Cllr Alan Hands, Fiona Wilkinson, Tim Shearer, Grania Nicholson. SLDC/CCC Cllrs Dyan Jones, Ben Berry & Brian Rendell.</p>
160.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th February 2020 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
161.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The planning minutes of 26th February were accepted by Council.</p>
162.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
163.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: None received</p>
164.	<p>Item to be taken in private session: Councillors agreed to take the agenda item on public toilets in private session at the end of the meeting, due to the commercial in confidence nature of the content.</p>
165.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
166.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates: <u>Cllr Christine Hallatsch</u> had attended the life celebration that afternoon for Cllr Lisa Greasley's husband, Brian. Lisa sent her thanks and best wishes to those who had attended and to Council for the cards and flowers. <u>Cllr Mike Stafford</u>: Had followed up issues that he has raised before about the state of the pavement flags and Library coping stones, which he believes are dangerous. He had also observed a bad accident on Park Road, which is a dangerous corner and traffic safety in that area needs to be raised with Cumbria County Council. He agreed to contact Cllr Ben Berry to talk these issues through. <u>Cllr Marina Davis</u>: Had met with the National Park rangers and representatives of SLDC and the Chamber of Trade to agree improvements that could be made to Cockshott Point, to reduce litter. Additional bins and litter picking were discussed. This was an initial but fruitful meeting. <u>Cllr Adrian Legge</u>: Had been dealing with a complaint from a resident of Troutbeck Bridge</p>

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Action	<p>about litter close to the area of Lakes School. A letter has been sent from Cllr Legge to the Headteacher asking for a discussion about what can be done to improve the situation. NB the school is not necessarily to blame for all the litter, but could be part of the solution.</p> <p><u>Cllr Ian Telford</u>: attended a Chamber of Trade meeting at which it was agreed to take part in the Cumbria wide litter pick this year on 20/21 March (since cancelled).</p> <p><u>Cllr Leith Hallatsch</u>: Had attended his first Lake District National Park partnership meeting. There was a substantial amount of paperwork to go through and it is impossible to summarise. There were no major issues for Windermere.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jenny Borer</u>: drew attention to the recent articles in the Westmorland Gazette which covered the Town Council's Local Government Award. Attended the Ferry Advisory Committee meeting, where there was a report from the County Council about much needed repairs. It was also noted that this had been a difficult period for operation of the ferry, as the amount of rain and high winds has led to non-safe operational conditions on the lake and cancellation of ferry journeys. Although it has been as good as possible a start to the season. There will be action to improve the signage for the ferry throughout the Windermere area. Cllr Borer was impressed with the responsiveness of the advisory group and with their approach and asked that a letter be sent to the Ferry Advisory Group (Cllr Jim Bland as Chair) to thank them formally.</p> <p><u>Cllr Sandra Lilley</u>: Attended the Chamber of Trade meeting, where there were discussions about the Local Plan and Orrest Head farm and Hotel and an update on the launch of the Sculpture Trail. Also attended a CALC meeting, where there was an update on the Highways Major Projects progress. Cllr Lilley has now removed the poppies from the War Memorial. Finally, attended the Kendal Mayor's Charity Supper to represent the Town Council. It was a very enjoyable event.</p> <p><u>Cllr Magda Khan</u>: Attended an Integrated Care Meeting, which is chaired by Gillian Holmes from CCC. There was retrospective approval of the use of the reserve by the Town Council to fund the Christmas Lunch. The proposal for the Community Interest Company lunches was not supported.</p> <p><u>Cllr Catherine Musetti</u>: After receiving contact details from the Clerk, has formally reported the dangerous debris in the A591 cycle lane.</p> <p><u>Mayor John Saunders</u>: Had to sadly announce that the Millerground Fun Day would most likely be cancelled due to the Covid 19 threat. Attended a briefing on the A592 Major Project Scheme (with Cllrs Borer and Lilley). This will be a 2 year scheme to widen the road between Troutbeck Bridge and Ullswater. It is a £7m government funded scheme. The works will be major and there will, by necessity, be some complete road closures and diversions in place, all of which will be announced nearer the time and residents and businesses kept fully informed. It was interesting to note that this road has been deemed one of the 20 most dangerous in the country.</p> <p>Visited the Old Courthouse Building, which CCC are now marketing as potential office space and also the meeting at Cockshott point (with Cllr Marina Davis).</p> <p>Reported again the missing sign on the turn into Windermere, by the Lakeland and Booths junction. This needs replacement as a matter of urgency and CCC have been alerted.</p>
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	<p>Reported on the CALC meeting held on 5th March, where there was a very informative report from Highways England on the plans for improving the A590 between Barrow and J36.</p> <p>Also reported on the Chamber of Trade meeting held on 3rd March. There was a good turnout of local businesses. A report was made on the Coronavirus situation and its effect on local businesses. Also, a report on the Local Plan and the Sculpture trail and an interesting report on a survey conducted on public toilets, where most people consulted had been in favour of keeping them open.</p> <p>Noted the success of the Council's facebook page and its ability to sort problems locally, with the best example being a recent fly-tipping incident.</p> <p>Finally, wished to thank Cllr Kevin Holmes for his prompt assistance with getting the sand-bags removed .</p>
167.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</u> Reported on the SLDC budget proposals and Council Tax increase of 2%, which is lower than surrounding districts. Also met Major Saunders to clarify a number of issues with the Paradise project as regards Library Gardens. SLDC have made their position clear in writing that their overall aims are to protect this space for public benefit and support the position already made clear by the Town Council. The contract to run Braithwaite Fold has been awarded to the Camping and Caravan Club and the booking system will be up and running within a week. The agreement is a long term one to provide stability to the site.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes:</u> Highlighted a recent meeting of Kendal Futures, where the need for housing was top of the agenda and had attended public meetings on plans for the A590.</p>
168.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had provided a written report which was noted and one further update given verbally on the Town Steward's report for February. Also, the monthly risk assessment for the Langrigge Play area had been received and all equipment assessed as low risk.</p>
169.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Councillors approved the payments set out on the agenda and the addition of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Town Steward amount of £1,200.00;b) Viking: Stationery and stamps order of £237.83 net of VAT;c) B-Loony: WTC banner and balloons for Millerground fun day (to be charged to Mayoral budget): £218.50 net of VAT.d) Will Hicks Tree Specialist: Work in Elleray Woods: £3,600.00.
170.	<p>Commemoration of VE Day and Wainwright Anniversary</p> <p>Cllr Adrian Legge updated Council on preparations being made for the VE day commemoration on 8th May and the Wainwright Anniversary (90th) on Sunday 7th June. Both now cancelled or postponed.</p>
171.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>It was decided that, given the warnings about Coronavirus, the next Town Council meeting, scheduled for 8th April (and the Annual Parish Meeting) would be cancelled. It was hoped that</p>

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	it would still be possible to hold a meeting in May. If possible, it was agreed that the planning sub-committee meetings should continue via email and the Policy & Finance Advisory Group meeting on 19 th March to also be conducted via email.
	The mayor closed the public meeting and the Council then met in private to discuss the following item.
172.	Management of Public Toilets in Windermere & Bowness: Councillors discussed and accepted the letter received from the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust which explains their issues with capacity and gives notice that they will be unable to manage the toilets beyond 31 st August 2020. Councillors then discussed the contents of the Clerk's confidential report and made the decision that the Council will take back management of the 7 public toilets in Windermere & Bowness in house. It was accepted that, in principle, there will be a need to employ a local person to oversee the operation and provide inspection facilities. The Clerk and the Policy & Finance Advisory Group were delegated to take the project forward, to liaise with the BWCCT about the hand-over of the service and the recruitment process. It was agreed that there will be a further report back to Full Council when the full financial implications are clear and there are recommendations of material impact.

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